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## TECH SHOW.

THE Tech Show this year, being the product of Tech talent, should surpass its predecessors in its local hits, making it a distinctly Tech affair. The plot is of such a character as to provide for a number of topical songs and clever dances, so that if the fellows take hold of the play with the same enthusiasm shown in former years, the Tech Show will be a credit to the Institute.

## B. A. A. MEET.

WHILE we wish to congratulate the Track Team, Coach Mahan and all our representatives for the fine showing made in the B. A. A. Meet, we lament the unhappy accident that marred our principal event of the evening, and left the decision of the relay race to be based on a foul. Most of all we regret that, though manifestly unintentional, a foul should be accredited to Bowdoin against Tech, for though all who witnessed it are satisfied of its purely accidental character, and though Tech's and Bowdoin's relations have always been of the most amiable and friendly nature, the unsatisfactoriness of such a decision, and the spirit implied and too likely to be generated by it, cannot be explained away and guarded against too carefully. The action of Bowdoin in not protesting the decision is evidence of her sportsmanlike and gentlemanly attitude in the affair, and we hope she carries away no spark of bitterness or injury resulting from it. For our part, we heartily absolve Bowdoin from all suspicion of intentional fouling, lament the unhappy accident, and wish that next time we may meet with all circumstances favorable to an uninterrupted and satisfactorily decided race.

## THE BURSAR.

SEVERAL times this year THE TECH, having had occasion to consult the Bursar, has noted a marked change in the attitude of that office toward student affairs. Mr. Rand is a man interested in student life, and always willing to discuss questions which come within his sphere. In-

deed, he considers it as much his duty to advise and aid the students as it is to guard the funds of the Institute. We are to be congratulated in having such a man in that office.

### The Tech Show.

The call has been made for candidates for places in principals, chorus and ballet in the fifth annual Tech Show. It is hoped that much old material will turn out, and also that a great many Freshmen will try for places. The first-year class has always produced good men, and this year there should be good finds among them.

The Show this year, for the first time, is the product of Tech. It is written completely by Tech men, the libretto mainly by one man, while the music comes from several men. The plot is first class, and the music is the best ever seen in a Tech Show, and many pieces bid fair to be whistled and sung as much by Tech men as some of the now popular airs. The plot is as follows:

King Albite, scientific ruler of the island of Metasillicatia, decides to abdicate in favor of his son, Prince Phyllite, in order that they may train him to rule according to his peculiar scientific methods. As the king is only an amateur scientist, his experiments are greatly dreaded by the people, who at the opening of the opera all hail with joy the idea of having a new ruler, *i.e.*, the young prince, who is simply bored by science. His coronation day is also to be that of his marriage to the Princess Margarite.

A party of Tech co-eds arrive on the island in a flying machine invented by one of the professors of Tech, who takes this method of testing his machine, and King Albite at once decides to break off the marriage with the princess, send the prince to Tech for four years and then marry him to Polly Con, one of the co-eds, thus securing a scientific queen for the island. Beryl, the king's niece, frus-

trates this design by plotting with a robber chief to steal the prince and keep him concealed until satisfactory terms can be made with the king. This is the situation of affairs at the end of the first act.

Act 2 finds the princess mourning the loss of the prince, and the palace turned into a sort of M. I. T. under the direction of the co-eds, who intend taking a trip in their flying machine in order to discover the whereabouts of the prince, and to rescue him. The king and co-eds are so absorbed in science that they do not discover the fact of the robbers being in the palace disguised as janitors, but who, being "good robbers," are working in the interests of the young lovers, whose happy reunion they ultimately secure. The plot affords opportunity for plenty of amusing situations and dialogues, catchy, bright music, pretty costuming, dancing, fine stage pictures and no end of local hits.

Every Freshman who can sing even but fairly well, should try for the chorus. The music is not hard, is sung in unison, and a man is not required to have a glee-club voice to make his place. Also there are minor speaking parts, and the chorus will be given all the dancing they want to do. The chorus will be drilled by John Mullaly, the leader of the Hollis Street Theatre Orchestra, who has been so popular with men at all the former Tech Shows.

The ballet will be very attractive this year, with the smaller special ballets predominating. John Coleman, who has always coached the dancing, is undoubtedly the best dancing master in the country. He drills the cadets, the bank officers, the Pi Etas and numerous other organizations.

The head coach will, as usual, be Mrs. Janet Edmonson-Walker, and her faithful work will undoubtedly bring out the Show successfully, as it has always been.

Until just before the performances, a man taking part in the Show uses but two after-



noons a week, and then only time that he very probably would not use studying, *i.e.*, from 4.15 until 5.45. Yet men who are very deficient in standing had better not try, or at least should consult the Dean about it.

There are generally about eighty men in the Show, and this gives great chance for men of different classes to become acquainted. All places are awarded strictly on a competitive basis, and every man is given a fair and equal chance.

The Show will be produced on two afternoons in Junior Week, which will probably be about the last week in April. The theatre will, as usual, be the Hollis Street.

Any men who have not already tried for a principal part and who wish to do so, should report at 4.15 Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Tech Union. Chorus rehearsal this week on same day, at same place, 4.15. Ballet, first rehearsal Tech Union, Friday Feb. 20, 4.15. For further rehearsals see Calendar on page 149.

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#### The B. A. A. Meet.

The B. A. A. Meet last Saturday night in Mechanics Hall resulted most satisfactorily to Tech, though the winning of the relay race on a foul furnished the only incident to mar what was otherwise the most successful B. A. A. meet Tech has ever entered. Of the six events in which Tech men appeared, we won four; namely, the 40-yard handicap, 40-yard novice, 600-yard run, and the relay race, and secured second in each of the above open events also. Scoring by points, and not counting the relay race, Tech won the meet, securing in all 24 points to Harvard's 20, and N. Y. A. C.'s 14, no other single organization scoring over 5.

The honors of the evening go to J. W. William, Jr., '06, who won successive heats, semifinals and finals in both the 40-yard novice and 40-yard handicap. C. E. Lang,

'05, and J. W. Crowell, '04, who won second places in the above respectively, deserve credit for working up through the large fields, and Riley, '05, and M. A. Coe, '06, winners of three heats, showed up to advantage.

In the 600-yard run, which was run off in two heats, three Tech men qualified for the finals, Nichols, '05, and Coe, '06, getting seconds, and L. B. Turner, '05, third. In the finals, Coe scratched and Nichols and Turner had things their own way, finishing close together after a good race.

In the 1,000-yards, Marcy, '05, and Riley, '05, though unplaced, ran well, the former, who finished fifth out of a large field, showing much promise for a young runner.

But the most important and the most unsatisfactory event for Tech was the relay race with Bowdoin. In the very first relay, Emerson, for Tech, who had the pole in the lead, was fouled on the turn by the Bowdoin runner, who attempting to take the pole from the inside, lacked speed to work through, and instead of falling back, jostled Emerson as he swung down from the turn, knocking him off his feet and opening a gap of 20 yards before he could recover. Nevertheless, Emerson finished in magnificent style, cutting down the lead half way, and in each successive lap Tech lessened the gap until Nichols, the last man, finished but two yards behind the Bowdoin man. The decision was awarded to Tech on a foul, the Bowdoin team, who were very sorry for the unintentional foul, making no protest.

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#### Song-Book.

Mr. Frederic Field Bullard met the Song-book Committee last Friday. The discussion was general, and nothing definite was accomplished except toward arriving at a mutual understanding.

### Conditions at the Gymnasium.

In view of the fact that there has been considerable agitation over the condition of the Gymnasium, an impartial consideration of the situation will not be out of place. Everyone will agree that the present Gymnasium is wholly inadequate to supply thorough physical training, both for those who go there to train and those who take class work.

In the first place, there is always friction between those training and those doing class work. The one maintains that it is striving to earn laurels and glory on the field for Alma Mater, while the other retorts that physical training after intellectual strain is a necessity, and of just as much importance as the other. Both are right in their views, and so there is a clash. Now it is useless to take sides in the matter, but the fact remains that whenever class work and training are going on, one or both suffer at the other's expense.

But both agree that the lack of hot water is by far the most serious inconvenience. All the minor difficulties give way to this. The bath and its refreshing qualities after the gymnasium work is a fitting and necessary ending, and it must not be neglected.

What is the result? One man says he cannot run, another says he must quit his class work because he is interrupted by the runners, and both bemoan the lack of hot water. So there is a gradual thinning of attendance, and the enthusiasm dies out. The number of men using the Gymnasium becomes smaller and smaller, until finally the survivors have plenty of room and hot water, and no cause for complaint.

It cannot be that the lack of enthusiasm is due to a poor instructor, for this is not so. We are to be congratulated on having an instructor who puts up with more hard knocks and inconveniences, gets more work done, and has more enthusiasm than others who have no contentions. Witness the increased number of men in the classes, and the interest shown in the all-round contest. But this statement must be qualified. In October it was feared that many would have to be turned away from the Gymnasium. Similarly, the number of entries in the all-round contest was surprising. Yet, in a short while the number of men in the classes and in the contest had dropped one-half. We must remember this when we propose remedies. We cannot expect more unless we make the best of what we have.

Do those, however, who cry the loudest for radical improvements in the Gymnasium realize the condition of affairs. Tech is not a rich institution, and the new Lowell Building, the increased cost of coal, and a number of other items, have made heavy drafts on this year's funds. Again, the Gymnasium is on leased land. There have been many offers for the land, and the B. & A. R.R. may claim it at any time, so it would be poor policy to sink much money on that site. Furthermore, the Walker Gymnasium will soon be built, its erection being postponed until the decision of the question of our moving, and this question promises to be settled ere long. One must remember that what is expended on the old Gymnasium will most probably impoverish the Walker Memorial by the same amount. We boast of increased college spirit, but is it true college spirit which will not practice self-denial for the welfare of the Institute in the future? The Faculty appreciate the inadequacy of the present quarters and deplore it greatly, but they also realize that the Institute has obligations to classes which are yet to be.

If, however, there are any chances of improving the present situation, they will not be materialized by the fellows going home and sulking, but only by each one making the most of present conditions, thus emphasizing the need of better accommodations.

### All-round Gymnasium Contest.

The events last Tuesday in the "All-round Contest" were running broad jump and fence vault. In the jump one point was allowed for every 4 inches over 14 feet; and in the vault one point for every 2 inches over 4 feet 6 inches. The winners in the jump were Adams, '06, Burleigh, '06, and Needham, '04. The farthest jump was 18 feet 6 inches. The winners in the fence vault were J. C. Baker, '04, Farrington, '05, and Adams, '06. The highest vault was 6 feet 7½ inches. The highest totals of points to date are as follows: Adams, '06, 112, J. C. Baker, '04, 99½, Haynes, '04, 94, Mohler, '06, 91½, Needham, '04, 88½. It can be seen that winners in events do not necessarily lead in points, and everyone has an equal chance to gain points. So every man who has not been regular in the past is urged to come forward now and keep up the enthusiasm.

### Mechanical Engineering Society.

At the meeting last Thursday two amendments to the Constitution were adopted. The first makes graduates of Course II eligible for membership, the second makes Course X Seniors, Juniors and second-term Sophomores also eligible for membership.

About sixty were present. Among this number were Professors Lanza, Miller, Johnston and Fuller, Messrs. Starr, Gardner, Coburn, Rutherford and Stimpson, all graduates of the Institute, and Mr. William Kent, who came with Professor Lanza. Mr. Kent gave a short talk before Mr. Riley began his lecture on "Governor Experiments."

The present membership is about ninety-five; there have been about fifteen names proposed since the last meeting, so that the membership will be above a hundred in a short time.

The following graduates have been proposed for membership: H. L. Coburn, '98; E. W. Rutherford, '98; T. G. Richards, '94; Chas. T. Main, '86. Other names are expected shortly. A printed prospectus has been sent to graduates of Course II in and around Boston.

About twenty men left the Institute Saturday for the Atlantic Works, East Boston. This number was increased by men waiting along the route for the "crowd" until the number was thirty-two or thirty-three. Probably the most interesting things seen in the Works were two large marine boilers, one complete, the other in the process of construction.

Mr. Thomas G. Richards, '94, will address the Mechanical Engineering Society on "Rubber," Wednesday, Feb. 25. Mr. Richards is superintendent of the Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Company, Cambridgeport, as well as treasurer of the Colonial Rubber Company, and is consequently thoroughly conversant with all the details of the manufacture and use of rubber. Mr. Richards

will probably have slides to illustrate his lecture. The usual invitation is extended to professors, instructors and alumni of Course II.

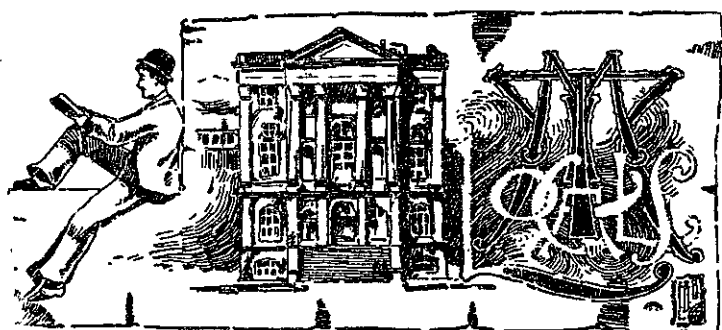
### President Tuttle's Address.

Last Friday President Tuttle of the Boston & Maine Railroad addressed the students and instructing staff in Huntington Hall. Mr. Tuttle is a man of simple and commanding presence, and his honesty of purpose and homely speech made him a most interesting figure, type as he is of the successful executive officer. He made a straightforward plea for the old-fashioned virtues: industry, patience, cleanliness and honesty.

President Pritchett made the interesting announcement that not one of the six hundred students in the entering class was compelled to withdraw as a result of the mid-year examinations. A most unusual state of affairs, and, considering the size of the class, a very pleasing and remarkable result.

### M. I. T. Fencing Association.

The Fencing Association has arranged with Professor Fournon to have classes in Room 13, Eng. B, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6, open to all those who are interested in fencing, and especially those who are taking it up now for the first time. At present about thirty men are taking these lessons, which began last Tuesday, among whom there is promise of some good fencers in the future. The advantages offered by the Association are particularly favorable to beginners, offering them eight hours fencing per week at exceptionally moderate rates, not exceeding 60 cents a man per week. All are invited to these classes, whether as participants or spectators.



H. I. Winchester has resigned from the Athletic Association, as he left the Institute this term.

All Sophomores who are going to get class pipes and canes are requested to give their orders at once.

President Pritchett spoke on the subject of "Industrial Education" at the opening of the new Lowell Textile Institute, he and Dr. Tyler both being present.

Any clubs, societies, etc., wishing inserts in *Technique*, who have not yet heard from the Board, will please communicate immediately with L. G. Bouscarén, Jr., society editor.

Forty-seven men took dinner at the Union Saturday evening, Feb. 14. Music was furnished by a part of the Tech Orchestra. B. Blum, '04, presided, and Mr. Lichtenstein, '06, was appointed to escort him to the chair.

The following appointments have been announced in the Cadet Battalion. To be corporals:

Co. A.—H. L. Lewenberg, G. F. Hunt, H. L. Obeare, E. F. Kelly.

Co. C.—L. E. Hist.

President Pritchett will speak at the Ohio State University Feb. 19 and 21 before the Northwestern Alumni Association of M. I. T., at their annual dinner.

The following basket ball games have been arranged since the last issue of *THE TECH*:

March 11. Haverhill Y. M. C. A., at Haverhill.

March 28. Southbridge Y. M. C. A., at Southbridge.

At the meeting of Ex. Comm. of the Athletic Association Monday, H. S. Baker, '03, was elected delegate to the Annual Meeting of the N. E. I. A. A., to be held in Boston, Feb. 21.

A call has been posted for nominations for officers of the Cross-country Association,—president, captain, manager and secretary. Nominations in writing, signed by any member of the Association, may be left at the "Cage" for C. R. Haynes, '04, secretary, until Saturday, Feb. 21, at 1 P.M. The election will take place early in March.

#### A. I. E. E. and E. E. S. Meeting.

Fully two hundred men attended the first joint meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Electrical Engineering Society of M. I. T. which was held at the Tech Union Friday night. It is rarely that Boston has seen such an assemblage of noted men in electrical engineering. All the officers of the national professional society were present, many speaking.

After telling of the great work which the American Institute had before it, Professor Elihu Thomson, the presiding officer, introduced Charles F. Scott of Pittsburg.

President Scott and Secretary R. W. Pope, who followed him, spoke introductory to the opening of a chapter of the branch in Boston. A brief talk on the papers which were read before the Institute was given by Dr. Samuel Sheldon. He was followed by the speaker of the evening, Thomas D. Lockwood, the consulting engineer of the American Telephone Company, who gave a bright and entertaining talk on "The Evolution of the Telephone Switchboard." Mr. Pope and Dr. A. E. Kennelly of Harvard discussed this paper, and Mr. Louis Ferguson also spoke. President Pritchett told a story or two, and refreshments of the real Tech style closed the evening.

Besides the two societies interested, many Harvard men were present. The societies are planning monthly joint meetings, and an executive committee, consisting of Dr. Louis Duncan, Prof. Harry E. Clifford, Messrs. J. W. Welsh, K. W. Endes and R. W. Eaton are in charge of this feature.



# CALENDAR.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- 1.45 P.M. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY. Excursion to Simplex Electric Company; starts from Walker steps.
- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL. Those wishing to try for principal parts, and who have not already done so, report at Tech Union.
- 8 P.M. MINING ENGINEERING SOCIETY will be addressed by Professor Hoffman on "Copper Smelting in Montana," at the Union. All interested are invited.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

- 4.15 P.M. FIRST BALLET REHEARSAL at the Union. All candidates for the Ballet should be present.
- 6.30 P.M. REUNION OF CLASS OF 1902 at Tech Union.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- 11.30 A.M. MEETING OF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS of Tech Corps of Cadets in Huntington Hall, for the purpose of forming a N. C. O. Association. It is desired that all non-com's be present.
- 6.30 P.M. Student Dinner at the Tech Union. All students are heartily welcome. A good dinner and a good time. Tickets 25 cents.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for the Chorus at the Union.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

- 4.10 P.M. TECH Y. M. C. A. meeting at Room 11, Pierce. The speaker will be Rev. W. W. Bustard, a recent graduate of Brown.
- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Ballet at the Union.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

- 8 P.M. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY. Talk by Mr. T. G. Richards, '94, on "Rubber." Tech Union.
- 8 P.M. FENCING: TECH vs. BOSTON Y. M. C. A., at Tech Gym. Admission 25 cents. Tickets at Cage.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

- 8 P.M. MUSICAL CLUBS' CONCERT before the Old Belfry Club, Lexington, Mass.
- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Chorus at the Union.
- 6.30 P.M. EXETER CLUB DINNER at Tech Union.



'90. Gary N. Calkins, Ph.D., IX., of the Department of Zoölogy of Columbia University, has been appointed consulting biologist to the New York State Pathological Hospital.

'92. William R. Kendall, VI., and Walter M. Newkirk, II., have been taken into partnership by Edwin R. Weeks, consulting engineer, New Nelson Building, Kansas City, Mo.

'97. Harry D. Hunt, IV., has been appointed postmaster of North Attleboro, Mass. Mr. Hunt will be the youngest postmaster the town has ever had.

'00. Stanley G. H. Fitch, X., is now auditor of the Vaughn Machine Company, Peabody, Mass.

'02. Norman E. Borden, II., is assistant engineer in the Pacific Mills, Lawrence, Mass.

'02. Louis Shattuck Cates, III., is a mining engineer in Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico.

'02. Lawrence G. Coburn, VI., is in the testing department of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

'02. A. M. Hamblet, V., is chemist with the Bowker Fertilizer Company, Elizabethport, N. J.

'02. Beulah C. Hill, VIII., is computer for Percival Lowell, astronomer, Boston, Mass.

'02. Cora S. Hopwood is assistant in Physics, South High School, Worcester, Mass.



Suddenly THE LOUNGER's oil-can began to click. This was rather unusual, and THE LOUNGER was nearly surprised out of his ordinarily unruffled calm. Then the Business Manager, who was seated near the fireplace burning matches—the dear fellow does so love fireworks—suggested that it might possibly be a marconigraph message. The omniscient B. M. was right, as usual. THE LOUNGER's old friend, Johnnie Rockefeller, was at the other end of the line. "Say, LOUNGER, how about that new stomach? Can we hit off the trade? One million, you know, C. O. D. This blamed indigestion is getting worse all the time, and I can't eat anything but Farce, Grate Guts and other health foods, and I am worn as thin as a Freshman's absence excuse." "Sorry, old man, haven't any spare anatomy around just now, but I'll tell you what I will do," the ever obliging LOUNGER replied, "I'll sell you half my appetite for five hundred thousand, because I need just that amount to keep the other half supplied." "Appetite!" jangled the oil-can, "I've been living on coupons, sawdust and watered oil stock for five years now, and it is not appetite I want, but digestion." "Sorry there's an unsatisfied demand for digestion here, too. It takes all I can rake and scrape to digest Charlie's lectures; so long."



THE LOUNGER is supposed to have a "humorous vein"—Sometimes the vein is so deeply hidden that the quality of ore is not discernible. It cannot, however, be gold or silver. Silence is golden, and THE LOUNGER was never "guilty"—of that. Speech is silver, but THE LOUNGER only writes. His humor partakes of the satirical and the ironical; perhaps the ore is irony. At all events there is much of it that may suggest brass. To accuse THE LOUNGER of having a humorous vein is perhaps less apropos as well as less grammatical than to make the aspersion that he has a "humorous vanity." THE LOUNGER plays with himself, while his audience looks on much as they would view the futile attempts of a cat to catch its tail. An ordinary cat describes a spherical helix in its eager, vain attempt to overtake its fleeing caudal appendage. What manner of involu-evolute

hyperbolic lemniscate must a cat-o'-nine-tails subject itself to in the pursuit of its many prolongations? The solution of such a mathematical nightmare would stagger a Wells; think, then, what must be the consternation of THE LOUNGER himself, the number of whose tales is as the sands of the sea, for it becomes his task to achieve, to produce, at least one tale every week of his life. Doubtless some of THE LOUNGER's readers will have noticed that he sometimes refrains from not using a pun. A pun is inevitable, but is enjoyed only by the perpetrator, and even he is simultaneously pleased and ashamed of his action. In fact, although the pun is something which he is constrained to rid himself of or die (like an F. F.), yet he will go to almost any length to conceal this offspring of disgrace. Bacon was addicted to punning. It was as natural to him, as irrepressible as whooping-cough. Unable to restrain himself, driven to despair, he was forced as a last resort to publish his pun-infected works with the antiseptic precaution of a sobriquet. It is therefore to his propensity to pun that we owe all the confusion of names which has actually led some shallow minds to regard Shakespeare as a real character, in fact, as the author of his own puns. This is an untenable belief, for even had Bacon not existed, it is tolerably certain that no man would have signed his own name to such execrable puns as are constantly met with in the so-called works of Shakespeare. It is for similar reasons that THE LOUNGER never writes himself, as such, but always under the sheltering disguise of a moral imbecile. It is an easy rôle to perform, and one that puts THE LOUNGER on a level with so many who,—it puts him in touch with those others who fail to appreciate him. There are great advantages in descending to mingle with the common herd. In union is strength. The strongest nation was made by the union of thirteen states. The best college of higher learning in the world was composed of a union of thirteen courses. The Tech Union, however, as far as THE LOUNGER recollects, and he has enjoyed several suppers there, has never yet offered thirteen courses, even of beer. THE LOUNGER proposes a toast. The toast has reference to the way in which the thirteen courses at the Institute pull together in different directions. THE LOUNGER offers a toast to an increased tensile strength in the *esprit de corps* of the Institute, and may the shadow of the Walker Building never be removed to Jamaica Plain!

Willie's drowning in the Tub,

He was put there for a Rub.

Papa looks in at the Door,

Says, "Willie, dear, don't splash the Floor."